

PRICE GOES DOWN; GAS BILLS GO UP.

Just Increase the Pressure,
and the Meters Will
Promptly Respond.

Discharged Employes Will Dis-
close Swindling Methods
of the Trust.

The Lower the Legal Rate the More
Feet Patrons Will Have
to Pay For.

THEN THE TRUST LAUGHS AT THEM

Tips Blown Off Burners on St. Nicholas
Avenue by Blasts from the Pipes—Only
in Municipal Ownership Will Relief
Be Found, Say the Men.

The exclusive publication in the Journal
of the Gas Committee's report, charging the
Standard Company with corruption in ob-

in more money to the companies than any
ordinary gas collectors.

Mr. Platt has a scheme for settling the
gas problem. It is claimed he will look after
the interests of the companies in the
legislature. He and his assistant law
makers will advise the companies to re-
duce prices and how to public opinion,
which has been enlightened by the Journal.
This will give reduced prices for gas and
prevent any municipal ownership legisla-
tion. The gas experts claim that it will
be an adroit move on the part of Mr.
Platt, because a reduction of 25 per cent
can be more than repaid by a 35 per cent
pressure.

But this, it is claimed, is not Mr. Platt's
chief object. With all the gas companies
indebted to him, he will secure their power-
ful support and influence in the coming
struggle for control of Greater New York.

A Lethal Claim.
C. J. Cooper, of No. 133 St. Nicholas ave-
nue, writes to the Journal as follows:

Is there any law whereby the gas com-
panies have the right to blackmail their
customers? They now have a red lock on the
meter, when one is not able to pay his bill
or the bill is in dispute because of over-
charge. This red lock is seen by every other
tenant and any other person passing in the
cellar. Can an action be brought against
the company for such attempts to blackmail
patrons into paying exorbitant bills?

Lawyers say the use of these red-locks
by the gas companies is illegal and that
sufferers can obtain redress in the courts.
While it is a species of blackmail, it is
more properly libelous. In a Western city
men dressed as clowns bearing placards
announcing "I am collecting bad bills."
The man inside will not pay, were em-
ployed to stand in front of the delin-
quent's shop or dwelling. Legal proceed-
ings brought speedy relief with damages.
In Chicago a man drove through the city
with a big wagon studded with placards,
stopping in front of the various shops of

"ANGEL" DENNETT BREAKS DOWN.

Superintendent of the Park-
hurst Society a Vic-
tim of Mania.

Overwork Lands Him in Belle-
vue's Insane Pa-
vilion.

Has Hallucinations of Persecution and a
Wild Scheme of Lecturing
for the Society.

THAT BODY IN FINANCIAL STRAITS.

Recent False Report That It Had Received a
Gift of \$200,000 Curtailed Subscrip-
tions, and Salaries and Other Out-
lays Have Been Reduced.

Arthur F. Dennett, "the Angel," superin-
tendent of the Society for the Prevention of
Crime, was taken to Bellevue Hospital
at 11 o'clock last night from Dr. Parkhurst's
residence. Dr. C. E. Bunce, of No.
466 Lexington avenue, visited Mr. Dennett
in the evening, and it was on his advice
that he was taken to the hospital. Dr.
Hoyt examined Mr. Dennett at the hos-
pital, and he was assigned to ward 38 in
the insane pavilion. Dr. Hoyt says that
Superintendent Dennett is suffering from
hallucinations of persecution, and that he
is weak mentally.

Mr. Dennett's condition brings on the
fact that the Society for the Prevention of
Crime is in financial straits. Henry V.
Parsell, a director and a member of the
society's Executive Committee, said yester-
day that the organization was never be-
fore at so low a financial ebb.

At the last regular meeting of the Ex-
ecutive Committee an all-round cut in
wages was made, and this probably had a
bad effect upon Superintendent Dennett,
who has been working from fourteen to six-
teen hours per day for the last three years,
with only two vacations, besides keeping up
his law studies.

A special meeting of the Executive Com-
mittee was held yesterday afternoon in the
United Charities building, and Mr. Dennett
was granted two weeks' leave of absence,
and Henry Burr, one of the agents of the
society, was made acting superintendent
for that period, which will be extended in-
definitely until Mr. Dennett regains his
health or is found to be permanently in-
capacitated.

Dr. Parkhurst and the other members of the
Executive Committee—Mr. Parsell,
Thaddeus D. Kennebec and Frank Moss—
had a conference with the reporters after
the meeting and Dr. Parkhurst said:

"Mr. Dennett has neither home nor chil-
dren. He will be given every opportunity
to recover his health, and the position of
superintendent will be held open for him
until his recovery, which we believe to be
only a matter of one or two weeks. No
one not connected with the society can form
any idea of the condition of affairs Mr.
Dennett has found of late in this city
under the so-called reform Police Commis-
sioners.

A reporter for the Journal had an inter-
view with Mr. Dennett at Dr. Parkhurst's
residence yesterday. The appearance of
"the Angel" was not at all out of the or-
dinary, but his speech betrayed the fact
that his mind was unbalanced.

"People say that I am crazy," said Mr.
Dennett, "and I am doing my best to fos-
ter that impression. Even Dr. Parkhurst
believes I am insane. I am going to build
up the finances of the society."

The newspapers published a story a short
time ago to the effect that somebody had
left the society a legacy of \$200,000. That
is not true, but it has resulted in the
falling off of subscriptions. Now I am
going to make a defense of Magistrate Mott
against the newspaper attacks upon him
after in newspaper or in the form of a
lecture. I am bidding, through the Journal,
for sealed proposals from newspapers or
from lecture managers for my defence of
Mott, and I will sell my services to the
highest bidder. With the money we can

carry on the work of the Society for the
Prevention of Crime."

Mr. Parsell told the reporter that Mr.
Dennett was right in his assertion that the
report that the society had been left \$200,-
000 had resulted in a falling off of subscrip-
tions.

"Dennett is not dependent on his salary
of \$1,500 per year for his livelihood," Mr.
Parsell added. "He owns a hotel in his na-
tive town, and other property to the extent
of \$15,000 or \$20,000. Nevertheless he
lives in a small bedroom at No. 182 East
Twenty-eighth street, for which he pays
\$1.50 per week."

Arthur F. Dennett is one of the most
picturesque figures in New York life to-day.
He stands six feet two or three inches in
height, and dresses in the height of the
fashion of Wells, New Hampshire. He first
conceived the idea of coming to this city
on reading of Dr. Parkhurst's adventures in
the Tenderloin. Dennett's first work for
the Society for the Prevention of Crime
was when, impersonating a long-haired man,
he obtained evidence of the collusion of the
police with the dock owners, and he rapidly
rose to the position of superintendent of the
society. A man of unusual intelligence,
of absolute integrity and perfectly fearless,
he has been a terror to evil-doers, who will
rejoice in his misfortune. The agents of
the society say that Dennett has given
away hundreds of dollars out of his own
pockets to worthy applicants for charity.

FIVE KILLED BY AN EXPLOSION.

Ignition of Gas in the Alderson Mine Re-
sults Fatally.

South McAllister, I. T., Jan. 4.—Five
miners were killed by an explosion of gas
which occurred in the Alderson mine
to-day. The names of the men killed are:
Martin Roy, Joseph Cox, Thomas Curry,
William Bishop and Simon Pitty (colored).
The explosion is supposed to have been
caused by Fire Boss Cox uncovering the
bottom of a safety lamp which ignited the
gas. No damage was done to the mine
property.

COL. KRAUSS MISSING.

Bade His Family Farewell on November 17
and Has Not Been Heard from
Since.

Colonel Otto A. Krauss, of No. 23 West
Ninety-sixth street, bade good-by to his
wife and sixteen-year-old son, Leo, at the
Grand Central Depot on November 17 last.
He told them he was going on a trip to
Mexico. Just before the train started he
handed his wife a key to his safe deposit
vault. A week after his departure she
looked in the vault and found a note ad-
dressed to her in her husband's handwrit-
ing.

It said that she would never see him
again, and that she had been a good, faith-
ful wife, better than he deserved. There
was also in the box a power of attorney
vested in the wife, but securities estimated
at \$17,000 were gone.

Mrs. Krauss, who is a sister of the late
Judge Pittschi, and who inherited a for-
tune from her father, is at a loss to ac-
count for her husband's act.
Colonel Krauss is a tall, fine-looking man,
forty-five years old, with a heavy brown
mustache and beard. At the time of his
departure he was agent in this city for a
foreign wire house. About two months ago
Colonel Krauss began to act oddly and
complained of headaches.

Ex-Judge Henry C. Botty, Krauss's law-
yer, said that Colonel Krauss converted all
his securities into cash before he left New
York.

Collector Arrested for Stealing.

Nathaniel H. Spitzer, of No. 327 East Eighty-
seventh street, was arrested yesterday on a
charge of having robbed his employers, F. H.
Vandergrift & Co., of \$24,000. Spitzer was
a collector, and employed Spitzer as a
collector. In Centre Street Court he pleaded
not guilty, and was held in \$1,000 bail for trial.



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"cannot fool all of the"
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"Angel" Dennett's Hard Work Results in Mental Trouble.

The indefatigable superintendent of the Society for the Prevention of Crime
has become a victim of mental aberration, which, his friends believe, will prove
temporary only. The society yesterday gave him a two weeks' vacation, which will
be extended if necessary. Dr. Parkhurst yesterday said, too, that the society's
funds are at a particularly low ebb, the recent incorrect report that it had re-
ceived a legacy of \$200,000 having had the effect of so largely reducing the inflow
of subscriptions as to make a reduction of salaries and other retrenchments in-
avoidable.

lapping its charter from the Legislature
through a \$100,000 bill was a sensation
among gas people.

Lionel Goldsmith, chairman of the com-
mittee appointed by the 2,000 employes
who were recently dismissed without notice
to petition the Mayor and Aldermen for
relief, said that the legislation enabling the
Standard to tear up the streets without re-
gard to city authority was a scandal long
suspected by gas men. Here is the state-
ment:

We favor the municipal ownership of gas
for reasons that every taxpayer and every
consumer will applaud. That will be one of our
chief points before the Mayor and the Alder-
men to-morrow afternoon. We advocate
municipal ownership of gas because a simple
reduction of price can never be effective.
The present rates will increase rather than
decrease, unless the city controls its pro-
duction and sale.

We are gas experts; we know the secrets
of the business. A reduction of price is
always made at the expense of the holder
of the gas. All the money that has been spent
in the past few years has been spent
in the pockets of the gas companies. The
companies have made a show of re-
sistance, then bowed to the law, increased
the pressure of gas, and the bills have
been higher than before. The same is true of
gas reductions in Boston, Chicago and other
cities not owning the plants. We have
helped the companies to keep their secrets,
but now that they have formed a vast
trust and dispensed with us, we are going
into the fight.

Why the Trust Laughs.
I hear from Chicago that the newly formed
competitive gas organization, the Ogden Com-
pany, of the North Side, has begun busi-
ness with a large supply of gas in its hold-
ers, to be delivered to the public at 90 cents
a thousand, against the \$1 gas furnished by
the trust. How the companies laugh in
their sleeves, while the people think they
are getting cheaper gas. A little pressure
will set up the meters, and the gas bills
will be larger than before.

We shall earnestly call the Mayor's atten-
tion to the necessity of municipal own-
ership. Mayor Strong is a fair man and a
patient listener, and I have no doubt he will
give us a hearing. We expect the decision
from the Mayor. It may be urged that
the evils of the gas monopoly may be
remedied by having a law passed reducing
pressure as well as price. Such a measure
would be a vast improvement over any gas
legislation yet proposed.

The reduction of gas in 1884 was a farce.
Has any man known his bills to be reduced
by reason of reduced pressure? I have exam-
ined the gas bills of the principal large con-
sumers in Boston, where gas is \$1 a thousand.
These bills will average higher per hundred
burners than any similar hundred burners in
New York.

Blow Off the Tips.
Take our own Standard Gas Company,
which came before the public in 1886 prom-
ising to cheapen the price and improve the
quality of gas. It seized every public street,
avenue, park and square in the city, backed
by a capital stock, of \$10,000,000, yet I
have known its meter gas company, now
described as being the Legislature for
its illegal privileges, or how the tips of
the gas bills of the principal large con-
sumers in Boston, where gas is \$1 a thousand.
These bills will average higher per hundred
burners than any similar hundred burners in
New York.

Another gas man remarked: "Mayor
Strong will have a chance to show his dis-
interestedness. Vice-President Smith, of
the Consolidated Gas Company, is one of
the trustees in Mr. Strong's Central Na-
tional Bank, and he is a particular friend
of the Mayor, who, by the way, I under-
stand, owns stock in the Consolidated and
Equitable Gas Companies. So we were not
surprised the other day when his unnamed
spoke was quoted by the Mayor as saying
that the new fuel gas would blow up the
city, with damages of a hundred millions a
year."

More Employes Must Go.
It was stated that the Gas Trust is go-
ing to further reduce its expenses by re-
tiring more employes. It will adopt the
plan of making drug stores col-
lectors. In Chicago, the drug
man, besides making pills and selling
sugar, has plenty of time to look
up the telephone, private letter boxes,
collection of gas bills. He is sup-
posed to know everybody on the block and
should habits, and to be able to

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